Times-Virginian Sports

Still undefeated

Raiders roll on

The Raider varsity football squad continued its winning ways with a 35-0 victory over Liberty Friday night.

The Raiders, now 4-0, have not yet been scored upon in the 1982 grid season.

Against Liberty Friday, the Raiders scored early on a four-yard run by Pete McIvor. The Raiders added three more touchdowns in the second quarter, on a short pass from quarterback Kevin Ferguson to receiver Jody Williams, a 76-yard run by Dennis Fleshman, and on a half-ending 35-yard pass from Ferguson to Williams.

For all intent and purpose, the game, which was the Raiders' first home contest this season, was over by the end of the first half.

Appomattox reserves pulled duty most of the second half, and the Raiders added one final score, on a screen pass from Kevin Ferguson to brother Gary, in the fourth quarter.

Fleshman was the leading ground gainer with 128 yards on nine carries. Pete McIvor carried 10 times for 38 yards, Steve Hamlett carried five times for 23 yards, and Gary Ferguson carried the ball five times for 12 yards. The Raiders had a total of 206 yards rushing for the night.

Quarterback Kevin Ferguson completed six of nine passes for 148 yards and three touchdowns. Jody Williams caught five passes for 94 yards and two touchdowns, and Gary Ferguson took the screen pass 54 yards for the Raiders' final score.

Appomattox compiled a total of 354 yards offense against Liberty, and recorded nine first downs. Liberty had a total of 120 yards offense and 13 first downs.

Raider Coach Gary Cuccio said he was pleased with the Raiders' performance Friday night. Referring to the Appomattox offensive line, which was a source of some concern before the season began, Cuccio said, "Our boys are progressing well, and we're pleased with the efforts they have made so far this season."

Cuccio added that the squad's goal is to "improve every week, and never rest on past performances."

The Raiders will face off against an old Seminole District rival this Friday night, Rustburg.

The Red Devils, currently holding a 2-2 record, are a "fine football team," according to Cuccio. "When Rustburg and Appomattox play, records don't mean a thing,"cuccio noted of the upcoming contest.

Commenting on the remainder of the season, Cuccio noted that "if we can continue to improve weekly, and take our opponents one at a time without looking ahead, then we feel we can remain competitive throughout the rest of the season.

Friday's game gets underway at 8 p.m. at Rustburg High School.

THE RAIDER DEFENSE closes in on a Liberty running back in Friday night's 35-0 varsity football victory. The win left the Raiders with a 4-0 record. They play Rustburg this Friday night. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

24-6 victory

Jayvee gridders defeat Liberty

The jayvee Raiders traveled to Liberty last Wednesday and with a good second-half effort defeated the Minutemen, 24-6.

The Raiders took an early 6-0 lead in the first quarter when Ron Scruggs ran three yards off tackle. The two-point conversion was good on a pass from Scruggs to Tim Turner. The Minutemen battled back to score in the second quarter, bit failed on the extra-point attempt.

In the third quarter, the Raider offense controlled the ball and scored two more touchdowns before the reserves took over. "In that third quarter, our offensive line really blocked well and the backs were running hard," commented Coach Howard Clabough. "It's the best our offense has looked all year."

Clabough noted that the defense has been doing a good job each game, but because of offensive mistakes, the defense has been staying on the field much too long.

Before the third quarter ended, tight end Barry Phelps scored on a triple reverse pass from quarterback Alex Almond and tailback Ron Scruggs broke loose on a 65-yard end run to nail down the victory. After each touchdown, Alex Almond hit slotback Tim Turner for the two-point conversion. Russell Walton and Duane Patterson also turned in excellent performances on offense for the Raiders.

The defense was led again by linebacker Russell Walton with six solo tackles and six assists. Fine defensive efforts were turned in also by James Baker (Five tackles) and Andre McCoy (four tackles).

Offensive back of the week was Ron Scruggs, who carried ten times for 124 yards and two touchdowns, completed two passes and had five tackles on defense. Defensive back of the week was Russell Walton, who had six solo tackles, six assists and one interception. He also punted five times for a 30-yard average.

Offensive linemen of the week were Barry Phelps and Travis Ford. Phelps scored one touchdown and did an excellent job of blocking. Ford did a "fine job of blocking" from his offensive tackle position, according to Clabough.

Defensive lineman of the week was Toby Cunningham, who had six tackles and several assists against Liberty.

The jayvee Raiders will take on undefeated Rustburg today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Bragg Stadium.

JUNIOR VARSITY Raider football players of the week shown above are Travis Ford, Wallace Scruggs, and Toby Cunningham. Not pictured are Russell Walton and Barry Phelps. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

BETTY FRANKLIN shows a large bluefish she caught on a recent fishing outing to Chesapeake Bay, as Pat Page looks on. The trip, organized by Allen Franklin, included 16 people involved in a recent WTTX-radio contest. Betty's 13 pound, nine ounce blue was the largest taken on the trip.

Four varsity players cited

Carl Banks, Jeff Miller, Dennis Fleshman and Kevin Ferguson were named Raider varsity players of the week for their performances in last week's football game against Liberty High School.

Banks, a defensive lineman, recorded five unassisted tackles and five sacks against the Minutemen.

Miller also recorded five unassisted tackles against the Minutemen, and sacked the quarterback once. He also did a "good job blocking offensively," according to Raider Coach Gary Cuccio.

Dennis Fleshman picked up 128 yards and a touchdown on nine carries Friday night. Ferguson went six for nine in the passing department, and three of those completed passes were good for Raider touchdowns.

To Buckingham, Liberty

Girls drop two

The Raiderette varsity basketball team was beaten twice last week, losing 66-39 in Tuesday's game against Liberty, and 46-43 against Buckingham on Thursday.

The Raiderettes played well against Liberty in the first period Tuesday, but Liberty exploded for 31 points in the second quarter, and held a 44-14 lead at the end of the first half.

"Their press in the second quarter made the difference," noted Raiderette Coach Mary Tolley. "We played well in the first quarter, both offensively and defensively, but in the second quarter we seemed to tire and make some foolish mistakes."

The Raiderettes came back under control in the second half, outscoring Liberty 25-22, but the local team could not make up the deficit accumulated during the awesome Liberty surge in the game's second quarter.

Ruby Smith led the Raiderettes against Liberty, with 27 points, six rebounds, two steals and one assist. Sandra Watkins scored eight points, had five rebounds, a steal and one assist; Sally Coleman came off the bench and collected six rebounds for the Raiderettes; Cheryl Williams had three rebounds, two steals and three assists; and Kaye Browne had three rebounds and three steals against Liberty.

"They had a very good team," Tolley concluded. "We just weren't ready for them."

Thursday's game against Buckingham was a much closer contest, with the Lady Knights of Buckingham pulling off the victory in the waning moments of the contest.

Buckingham held a slight advantage at the end of the first half, 17-19. The second half was a seesaw battle, with Buckingham leading one moment, Appomattox the next.

In the final period, however, the Raiderettes experienced problems with ball control, and the Lady Knights capitalized on Appomattox errors to ice the game.

"We had too many mistakes at the wrong time," Tolley noted. "We had some excellent individual performance, but we failed to control the ball when we needed to late in the game," the coach added.

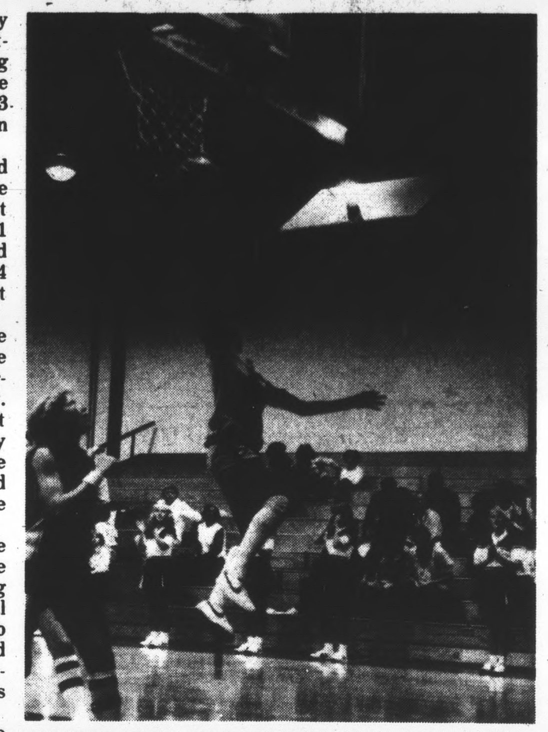
Leading players for the Raiderettes were Ruby Smith, with 21 points, nine rebounds, two steals and one assist; Sandra Watkins, with 12 points, nine rebounds, and two steals; Kaye Brown, with two points, nine rebounds and "an excellent defensive game, according to Tolley; Cheryl Williams, with three points, one steal and three assists; Robin Paulette, with five points and five assists; Sally Coleman, with five rebounds; and Lisa Pannell, with two rebounds.

Leading scorers for Buckingham were Jonnice Brown with 15 points; Margaret Bartee and Veronica Carter, with nine each; Evonne Allen, with seven, and Alice Apperson, with four points.

The win left Buckingham with a 5-3 district record.

The Raiderettes, now with a 4-4 district record, were scheduled to play Rustburg Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Today (Thursday) the team will face off against Gretna at home. Next Tuesday (Oct. 5), the Raiderettes will play William Campbell at home.

Jayvee girls' basketball games begin at 6:30 p.m., with the varsity games beginning about 30 minutes after the Jayvee games end.



RAIDERETTE RUBY SMITH slips through the Buckingham defense for a layup in Thursday night's game. Buckingham won the game, a squeeker, 46-43. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Road race slated

The D. C. 100 Milers Club and Converse, Inc. will sponsor the D. C. Open Invitational 8-Mile Road Race Saturday, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m.

The race begins at Dinwiddie County Senior High School. The course loops through the countryside of the county and back to the school over hard-surface roads. Trophies and special prizes will be awarded, and T-shirts will be given to each participant.

Age groups for this race are as follows: Men - 15 and under, 16-21, 22-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-49, 50 and over; Women - 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50 and over.

Registration is $5 before Oct. 9. Late registration is $7 up until the day of the race at 9 a.m. Entry forms may be picked up locally at Wilbun's Grocery Store and Appomattox Dairy Queen.

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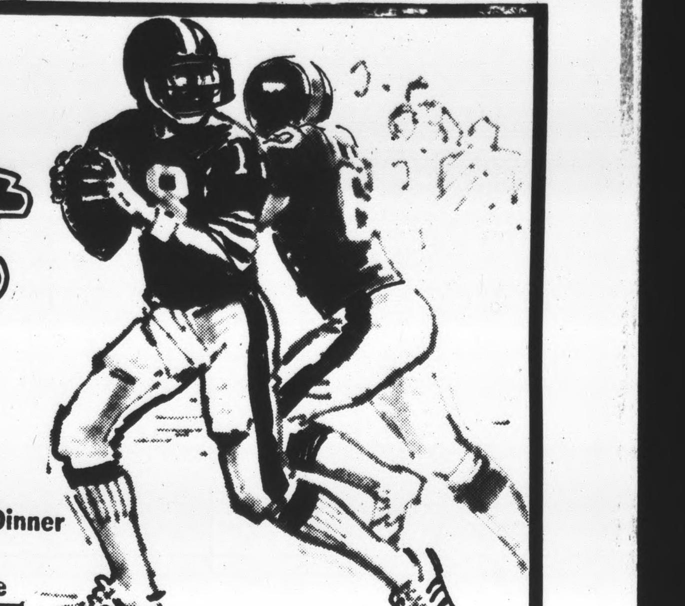

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